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Preliminary Amendment

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicants amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the specification: This application is a continuation of prior patent application, serial number 09/608,882 filed on June 3, 2000 which is a continuation of prior patent application serial number 08/702,258 filed on August 23, 1996.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-19 in the prior application.

Please add the following new claims:

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2. A stent comprising
at least one strut, the at least one strut has a transverse cross section, the transverse cross section having a top side, a bottom side, a right side and a left side, wherein the top and bottom sides are substantially flat, and the left and rights sides are substantially curved.
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3. The stent of claim 2 wherein the strut has a plurality of straight sections joined by a plurality of crown sections.
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4. The stent of claim 2 wherein the strut is made of metal.
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5. The stent of claim 4 wherein the strut is electro-polished.

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